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SUBJECT: UNGA: HANDLING OF CYPRUS ITEM

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL INFORMED COUNSELOR NIMETZ OCTOBER 25 THAT TURKISH UN DELEGATION INTENDED TO ASK UNGA TO RECONSIDER MANNER IN WHICH CYPRUS ITEM WOULD BE DISCUSSED. TURKISH GOVERNMENT HOPED U.S. WOULD SUPPORT TURKISH PRECEDURAL PROPOSAL SO THAT FAIR AND EVEN-HANDED WAY COULD BE FOUND TO ALLOW VIEWS OF BOTH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES TO BE HEARD IN UNGA. ESENBEL NOTED THAT PRECEDENT HAD BEEN SET FOR NON-U.N. MEMBERS TO ADDRESS UNGA LAST YEAR WHEN BOTH PLO AND SOME AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WERE HEARD. ESENBEL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD DEBATE SCHEDULED
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BEGIN NOVEMBER 2 BUT THAT DELAY MIGHT OCCUR BECAUSE OF ADDITION OF HIJACKING ITEM AND OTHER BUSINESS.

2. ESENBEL SAID TURKISH GOVERNMENT ALSO HOPED USG WOULD OPPOSE ANY UNGA CYPRUS RESOLUTION WHICH ATTACKED TURKEY OR TURKISH CYPRIOTS. SUCH A UNILATERAL RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON PROSPECTS FOR RECONVENING INTER-

COMMUNAL TALKS AND COULD EVEN RESULT IN INDEFINITE DELAY
IN THEIR RESUMPTION. ESENBEL NOTED THAT GREEK FOREIGN
MINISTER BITSIOS HAD ACCEPTED IN OCT. 1 MEETING WITH
TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL IN NEW YORK THAT

INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS SHOULD BE SUPPORTED. THUS, HE HOPED
U.S. WOULD OPPOSE ANY RESOLUTION GOING BEYOND EXPRESSION
OF HOPE THAT INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS WOULD CONTINUE AND THAT
PROGRESS TOWARD NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WOULD BE MADE.

3. NIMETZ TOOK NOTE OF ESENBEL PRESENTATION, BUT SAID
BOTH PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS WOULD HAVE TO BE
CONSIDERED FURTHER IN DEPARTMENT AND WITH USUN BEFORE HE
COULD PROVIDE RESPONSE. NIMETZ RECALLED THAT U.S. HAS
CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED ALLOWING NON-MEMBER STATE REPS TO BE
HEARD IN PLENARY AND WOULD HAVE TROUBLE WITH THAT IDEA.
WITH REGARD TO SUBSTANCE OF POSSIBLE RESOLUTION, WE WILL
BE IN TOUCH WITH TURKS AT A LATER DATE. VANCE

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